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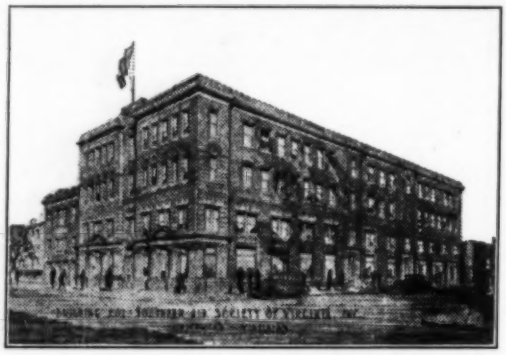

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Isaiah, 52, 7.

As the Crow Flies

The income tax is fine, except that the Three Thousand Dollar Man can not afford to hire lawyers and escape payment and the Fifty Thousand Dollar Man can and will.

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The nations are at last happy. France, America and Company have forced Germany from Socialism to Fascism by granting Bruening no concessions for Lausanne. Now for Hitler, Repudiation and War.

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A world parley to stabilize prices. A world conference to remonetize silver. How novel and futile! Why not a world decision to permit the sale of goods by kicking over tariff walls?

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There's small excuse for *Ballyhoo* and none for bally Hoover.

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Little Billy Block: "Who's that, Papa Paul?" "That's a black porter without a job." "Can he live on that?" "It must be difficult." "Well, can't we do something about it?"

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The Mayor of New York has been acquitted by a jury of his peers and convicted by his own witnesses.

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That eminent American citizen, Thomas H. Massie, U. S. N., has been pardoned by the Governor of Kentucky for a murder which the Governor said he did not commit. He is being kept in the navy by Admiral Hoover in order to restore the prosperity of Hawaii.

Franklin Roosevelt has spent six months out of every twelve as Governor of New York and the rest swimming in a Georgia mudhole. If he is elected president, we shall have to move the White House to Warm Springs and use Washington for his occasional vacations.

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Lest we forget, the Peace Conference is meeting in Geneva with the usual amount of peace in sight.

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Rockefeller's Radio City in New York has now adopted final plans, which reach the acme of classic restraint and resemble nothing so much as four long bristles on the back of a porcupine. America for Rents and Beauty!

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The superintendent of Federal Prisons is solving his problem of prison space by paroling large numbers of whites and keeping most of the Negroes in jail; budding Ph.D.'s will thus be able in a few years to have crowning proof of the criminality of the Negro.

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France has had an election and is now trying to learn just what happened.

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After desperate effort to prove the murderer of Doumer, a Bolshevik, the Associated Press has subsided into grumbling silence.

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The Union of South Africa, the greatest Negro-hating aggregation on earth, is not only divided into Black and White and Boer and Briton, but faces a dwindling European population, the shutting down of mines, the threatened secession of Natal, the upset of the Gold Standard and several other little problems. These are the truculent Superior Persons who set out to control black Africa.

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The little countries of the lower Danube are beginning to realize that they must unite or die. The rest of Europe is in favor of death.

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Who cares how much Tammany steals! Most of us are too amazed to learn of guys smart enough to find anything to steal. The McQuades, Farleys, Culkins and Flynns are regarded in this burg with rapidly increasing admiration.

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There ought to be some law to protect high-minded and courageous Governors, like Roosevelt of New York, from being pestered just before the nominating conventions by crusaders who object to thieves. Don't everybody know that the man who wrote Haiti's illegal Constitution is depending on these same thieves to make him president? Have a heart!

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Wouldn't it be poetic justice if Revolution in the United States came not from the Communists but from the American Legion whose chief business has been to beat, harry and kill the Reds?

Evanston's Negro Alderman

SUPPOSE you had organized a leaderless colored population and defeated a white political machine that had bossed ward politics for seven years, to become the first colored alderman ever elected in Evanston, (Ill.). If the beaten machine got busy, and you were suddenly voted out of the City Council for something that didn't involve you, and which prominent white Evanstonians called "absurd", "unjust", and "outrageous", what would you do?

Well, that's just the situation in which Eddie Jourdain, a young Harvard graduate, then managing editor of the *Chicago Bee,* found himself one midnight, not long ago.

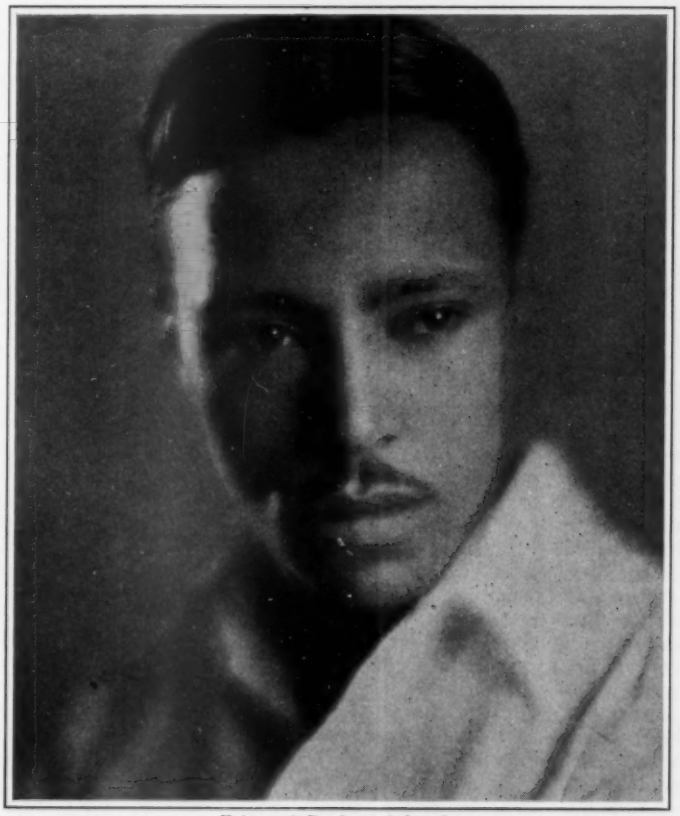
It was the Monday night of Feb. 1, 1932, almost a year after his election to Evanston's City Council, in April, 1931,—an election that drew nation-wide attention for the splendid fight colored people made, and the remarkable support white people gave Jourdain. And now, in a single night, it seemed as though colored Evanston was being stripped of all it fought to win,—in a procedure that made a joke of justice.

"What did Eddie do?" —What any good fighter does: he came back fighting. Vehement protests from colored people were echoed among Evanston's leading whites.

"Every person to whom I have talked," Prof. A. R. Hatton, head of Northwestern University's political science department, and internationally known authority on municipal government, told the *Chicago Daily News,* "is of the opinion that the unseating of Edwin B. Jourdain, Jr. by the City Council was unjustified. . . . I supported Jourdain at the last election, because I felt he was the best man for the job. I still believe he is better qualified to represent the voters of the Fifth Ward than either Alderman Jans or Justice Russ, (both white). I make that statement disregarding color. My support for the Negro candidate is based upon the belief that he is better qualified for the office than either of his opponents."

In the Chicago daily, the city government expert further charged: "The method by which the City Council deprived the Fifth Ward alderman of the seat was not proper . . . . When the council went into secret session, and came out with its decision against Jourdain, the only action left open to citizens was to protest the decision."

The protests came, and in three short days, Jourdain was ready to campaign again, with so many signatures crowding his nomination petitions, that he had over two complete sets.



Edward B. Jourdain, Jr.

To make certain that Jourdain's petitions would be filed first, placing his name first on the ballot, crews of white Northwestern University and Garrett Institute students volunteered to stand for 22 hours in front of the City Hall. Posed like sentinels in the winter's worst snow storm, these boys kept all-night vigil, from morning of one day, till morning of the next. Loyal colored women, like Mrs. Eola Richardson, Mrs. Sadie Duggard, Mrs. Loretta Stewart, Mrs. Mabel Young, and a host more, sat up all night sending the boys hot coffee, and "eats". A dawn that broke bitter and gray over Lake Michigan, found the students' line still unbroken, and Jourdain's petitions, safe in cold hands, in the lead. Northwestern professors and department heads stood by, waiting for eight o'clock, the hour of filing.

White dailies of Evanston and Chicago described the thrilling all-night vigil, and the early-morning melee that followed. Under eight-column headlines; "Melee Marks Filing of Petitions"—"Jourdain Man First to File—N. U. Students Stand 22 Hours in Behalf of Jourdain—In Line All Night", the Evanston *News - Index* (white), began: "The petitions of Edwin B. Jourdain, Jr., were the first to be handed to City Clerk Bell this morning. A wild scramble for positions ended a 22-hour vigil by Northwestern University students, who had taken turns holding Jourdain's place in line since 10 o'clock yesterday morning. George Burcham, (assistant to the Rev. Ernest Fremont Tittle at the exclusive white First Methodist Church), won the race. As he ran in from the south door, where the struggle was still in progress, he announced that he had Jourdain's petitions."

Under a front-page headline: "Gridiron Stars and N. U. Professors in 22-Hour Vigil to File Jourdain's Name", a Chicago *Daily News* report stated: "Four famous professors of Northwestern University, together with two All-American football stars, joined with a dozen fraternity men in an all-night picket line in front of Evanston's City Hall, and a grand rush through the corridors, at eight o'clock this morning. This array of talent was assembled in behalf of Edwin B. Jourdain, Jr., Harvard graduate, to get Jourdain's name first on the ballot."

A daily opposing Jourdain even accused the students of knocking down Jourdain's opponents, while "the professors stood by and rooted for Jourdain."

White leaders continued spirited support, and on April 5, 1932, Jourdain was re-elected in a triumph that was an

overwhelming vindication. His re-election set new records:

1. He won the largest vote ever polled for an alderman in the history of Evanston, outnumbering the combined votes of both candidates where two ran, and of all three, where three ran.

2. He became the youngest member of the City Council, and one of the youngest city officials ever elected in Evanston.

3. He handed an even worse drubbing to the machine he had whipped in 1931. Although Jourdain's 1932 opponent had been alderman eight years, and chairman of the biggest committees, he was washed out of office by the worst landslide in the whole election. His repudiation was crushing enough to mean political death.

4. To cap the climax, Jourdain not only won his own re-election, but carried into office with him a white clubwoman from Texas, Miss Daisy Sandidge, the first woman ever elected to Evanston's City Council. In two years of hectic campaigning, the young Harvard graduate had not only come home a winner in his own first two political ventures, but he had upset, for Evanston, two of the most deep-seated prejudices in politics: that against race, and that against sex, by effecting the election of a Negro one year, and a woman the next.

"Miss Sandidge's victory," declared a white daily, "was due simply to the fact that Jourdain marked his ballots for her."

"With the heavy Jourdain vote rolling in from the third, fourth and fifth precincts of the Fifth Ward late last night," reported the daily *News-Index*, "the victory of Miss Sandidge was practically assured, as the campaign of the two was openly waged on the same ticket."

Miss Sandidge, although a member of leading white women's clubs, and a former vice-president of the Evanston League of Women Voters, was defeated in every white precinct. Jourdain's overwhelming strength in the colored precincts pulled her through. Jourdain himself polled heavier white votes in each of the white precincts than his white running-mate, even outscoring Miss Sandidge in her own precinct.

5. Jourdain's 1932 victory was probably the first ticket of a Negro with a Texas white woman.

Some day, a tale may be woven about Evanston,—about the fine spirit of some of its leaders, about that splendid Northwestern University and Garrett bunch, about Evanston's colored women (to whom Jourdain always insists that he owes all his victories), and about this Eddie Jourdain himself, who played politics like a veteran in his very first bid for public office. He personally directed campaigns that smashed intrenched ward machines, and piled up votes that defeated old-line politicians,—all without hiring a single poll worker, without a single paid supporter.

Each of Evanston's eight wards sends two aldermen to the City Council, electing one each year, for a two-year term. In the Fifth Ward, Jourdain's battleground, where Evanston's colored population is heaviest, although not in control, a white alderman named Jans had used colored voters for seven years to control power, making them believe, "when you want a colored alderman, I'll help you."

He had already "helped" by asking the City Council to adopt a "Jans Plan" to kick an important colored precinct right out of the ward. Jourdain had fought the move, and it was defeated. The white alderman's next "help" was to back Justice Russ against Jourdain. And his final "help" was to back Russ in "contesting" Jourdain's election. His best work was in "back."

Jourdain directed his own campaigns. In a year when all city officials were being elected, Jourdain rejected advices to ally with one or the other of them, and won out as an "independent," despite Jans' "help." He defeated the administration candidate, Alderman Oscar Carlson, by nearly a thousand votes, and the anti-administration candidate, Russ, by nearly 400 votes.

Notable speakers and meetings made this campaign break all Evanston records. Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, scholar, writer, lecturer, opened the campaign, introduced by the venerable Dean James A. James, dean of the faculty at Northwestern. He was followed by Congressman Oscar DePriest, State Representative William E. King, N.A.A.C.P. Field Secretary William Pickens, Editor Joseph Bibb of the *Chicago Whip* and others.

It was a fierce campaign, Jourdain was backed by some of Evanston's most prominent white citizens, including members of the faculty of Northwestern University, and the student body and numbers of organizations. Among his endorsers were: Mrs. Ulysses Simpson Grant, III, Mrs. Walter Dill Scott, wife of the President of Northwestern University, and Russell Whitman, Civil Service Commissioner. His backers went to work with a will. Teams of white students rang doorbells, and manned polling places. A few "Uncle Toms" tried to block Jourdain in vain. Written support for him came from all over the country, and Election Day brought a Jourdain landslide and congratulations, of which this word from a Northwestern faculty member is typical:

"You did credit to yourself, your race and your city by conducting a courteous and intelligent campaign. We are especially glad that a young college man sits in the city council, and it is to be hoped that other wards will follow the example."

But the machine was not beaten. Egged on by Alderman Jans, the angry politicians started a contest and after ten months of excuses and delays, found only thirty-seven votes miscast and none of them cast for Jourdain. Notwithstanding this, after a secret session, Jourdain was unseated, although the council declared him innocent of any wrong doing. The Evanston *Review* said:

"My opinion of Alderman Jourdain from the outset has been that he was ousted from the council, not because of his color, but because he was quite too well educated, too superior, too intelligent, and too much the gentleman. He contributed nothing to the superiority complex of his confreres."

The 1932 campaign was a repetition of the first one, with Clarence Darrow topping the speakers list, and thus the 1932 landslide was bigger than ever.

Song

By EFFIE LEE NEWSOME

BIRD, why did you sing to me?
It was not your song *today* I heard,
But notes of springtimes gone.
And the odor of dew burned my heart
While your throat kept minting the springtime
To autumn,
Or to the springs that are past.
If the violets' hearts could speak
They would tell how I've wept
Into their dim gold.
I think you, dove,
Have told
This, though,
In all your plush-wrapped notes.

Silver Hammers

By WILLIAM ALLEN WARD

ON a summer night
The silver hammers of rain
Beating on the roof lull
The tired farmer to sleep.

Street Singer

By LAURA TANNE

THE darkest way he chooses, but the moon
Has a yellow crown for him to wear.
Shabby his shoes, a leathern nest for gnats,
But the light of the stars shines through his hair.
In this strange cold land, without a home,
He sings the soft and balmy songs of south.
His bread is hunger, silvery in the frost,
And a dark wild honey is on his mouth.

Radio Rhythm Makers

The Southernaires Quartet Completes Two Years on a Coast-to-Coast Network

By ROY WILKINS

IN contrast to some quartets heard over the air and in person, the Southernaires, famous NBC radio network artists, are the product not of romance and chance, but of rigorous training and hard work.

The rich harmonies that reach the radio sets of the land each Sunday morning come forth not by accident, but by design. For each session before the microphone the Southernaires rehearse approximately forty hours, so that each time a melody floats out of the loudspeaker in Tampa or Atlanta or Indianapolis or Los Angeles the practice studio has heard it at least twenty times.

All this does not mean that the Southernaires are not artists of ability, but it means that they are wise enough to know that very little perfection comes by inspiration; most of it comes from practice. And that brings on the story of where these men came from and how they finally won a place as one of the fixed features of the great network.

When Homer Smith, first tenor, thinks of home, he thinks of Florence, Ala. From there he went to Chicago and then to Wilberforce University in Ohio. He studied voice at Wilberforce and became a member of the college quartet. Leaving the campus, he went to Cleveland and finally arrived in New York. He has been in the big city four years where he has continued his training along with his radio work.

Lowell Peters, second tenor, is a native of Cleveland, Tenn. He went across the Mississippi to Little Rock, Ark., for his high school education and came back to Knoxville College where he sang in the college quartet and later travelled through Europe with the same quartet.

Kentucky claims Jay Toney, the baritone, although he spent most of his life in Nashville and in Columbia, Tenn. He attended school at Tennessee Normal and started his singing there. During the war he took time off from fighting in the trenches and helped entertain the members of his company as a member of the company quartet. After the signing of the armistice he sang in various countries of Europe with a quartet. Upon returning to this country he decided to turn his back on his training for commercial art and try singing for a living.

One member of the Southernaires, however, does not hail from the Southland. When William Edmondson sings into the microphone every Sunday morning, his mind travels over the ether waves with his song back to his home in Spokane, Wash. He grew up in the capital of the wheat and apple country and went to Spokane College. A passing concert company which needed a bass singer offered him the opportunity to travel. He sang about the country with them until the company disbanded in Chicago. From the Windy City he made his way to New York where he has lived for four years.

The Southernaires

William Edmondson, Homer Smith, Lowell Peters, Jay Toney

In 1929 these four men drifted together in New York and began singing over WMCA and later over WRNY, two local New York City stations. Their first experience over the network was with the Major Bowes Capitol theatre family on March 23, 1930. That was the chance for which they had been waiting. They were only guest artists in the big Major Bowes hour, but the impression they created was favorable and in just two months—May 25, 1930—their big moment came.

When they went on in "Southland Sketches" that Sunday afternoon of May 25, they had only a four-week booking. But that four weeks has stretched to two years and more. The tremendous fan mail received by the broadcasting company extended their booking until they became a feature of the network. Ninety-eight per cent of the letters praising them has come from white people. The Southland Sketches program was shifted to a regular place on Sunday morning. Now thousands of families eat their Sunday morning waffles or prepare for Sunday school and church services with the haunting harmonies of Negro melodies in their ears or on their lips.

Frequently the Southernaires appear on other programs during the week where their music is needed for an effect. They have aided the popular "Careless Love" programs as well as furnished background for some well-known commercial hours.

Their success has not made them "Upstage." They are always willing to lend their talent for worthy, non-commercial enterprises to help their race. Several times within the past few years the National Broadcasting Company has cooperated with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and with other organizations and the Southernaires have appeared on NAACP programs without charge.

They design their own programs and make many of their own arrangements. Against many odds, not the least of which was bad management in the early days, they have carried on a hard struggle to get attention and win a place in the radio world. They have never faltered in their attempt to build the greatest Negro quartet in America.

How did they get on the network? How did they stretch four weeks into two years? How did they get to be the one Negro fixture on the radio chains of the country? They give you the one answer: work and more work. Radio is ruthless. If you don't draw, you don't stay on. You stand around a microphone in a studio high up in New

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The 23d Conference, N. A. A. C. P.

Pregnant Sentences from Sixteen Addresses

J. E. Spingarn, Tuesday, May 17

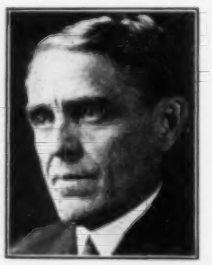
THERE is a larger struggle than any of these, whether political, or cultural and educational, or economic. It is the struggle for *social* emancipation. I am convinced that this is the most important of all the struggles, the one that includes all the others. I am convinced that the Negro cannot gain his rightful place in the sun of American life until he has won the battle for *Racial Equality*. I know that there are purblind doctrinaires who believe that economic emancipation solves all the problems of humanity; but in almost every civilization there have been groups and races that have won economic emancipation and have not won social and racial equality, or have not won it without further struggle. The economic problem is today more immediate and pressing; faced by the agony of millions of men, only the heartless fool can deny that the economic problem is vital; but how easily solved compared with the questions I am raising. For my subject tonight is racial equality, which I prefer to the vaguer and more equivocal phrase, "social equality," though rightly understood the two phrases mean the same thing. The plea for racial equality for the Negro does not mean that he wishes to do whatever his individual whim may dictate, but that he asks for equal and unrestricted admission to the duties and discipline of American life. Speaking only for myself, I hope to dedicate this Association more than ever to the battle for racial equality.

Mrs. A. W. Hunton, Tuesday, May 17

The National Association has recognized for us in its program and most broadly through its organ, THE CRISIS, that the problem of the colored group in the United States, is but a part of the great world urge for the exploitation of the weak by the strong.

With our own peculiar problems here, as a people within a people, we are still a part of the world order. In India, Africa, Haiti and other parts of the world we are constantly agasp at the flagrant violation of the rights of darker peoples.

Senator Arthur Capper, Tuesday, May 17



When I look back, even in my own short lifetime, upon what the American Negro has accomplished, upon his advance in many lines of human activity, I do not despair of his political future. It is deplorable that after two generations following his freedom he is still the victim of discriminations, distinctions and prejudices, but the hopeful thing is that he has advanced notwithstanding these obstacles placed in his way.

The Honorable Ray Lyman Wilbur, U. S. Secretary of the Interior, Wednesday, May 18

I think the greatest asset of the Negro is his good nature in the face of trial, trouble and poverty. One of his strongest points has been his capacity for sweetness and his resistance to bitterness.

Message from President Hoover, Wednesday, May 18

I have . . . requested the Secretary of the Interior to convey this message of greetings to the Conference and to express my earnest hope that its deliberations may bear fruit in the well being and advancement of the Colored race in our country. Their progress in education, in wealth, in participation in agriculture, industry and civic life within the relatively short period since the Civil War, is an amazing story of courage and enterprise in which the Colored people take a proper pride, and which their neighbors of other races view with satisfaction and admiration.

Abram L. Harris, Wednesday, May 18:

The present unemployment and industrial derangement have been caused by the failure to balance productive output with consuming power. If the so-called business cycle is ironed out, purchasing power must be released in proportion to productive output. But this is contingent upon the democratic control of the industrial system, a problem which should be the absorbing concern of those individuals who are most disastrously affected by depressions and unemployment. These are the white and black workingmen. Whatever they will do in facing this problem depends upon a leadership which will educate them into a realization of their identity of economic interests and the necessity of a united front for achieving common welfare. The leadership typified by the American Federation of Labor is unequipped for this task. Its craft structure, business philosophy and racial opportunism, prevent it from initiating a united front that seeks to establish the democratic control of industry. It seems that we must begin from the ground and build a new labor movement.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Wednesday, May 18

These are the four criticisms of the N. A. A. C. P.:

1. It has laid itself open to the charge of being a high-brow organization, and while the work it has done has been in the main work for the masses, it must in the future recognize that the interests of the masses are the interests of this Association, and that the masses have got to voice themselves through it.
2. The N. A. A. C. P. has got to decentralize the power of the central office and learn that great lesson of democracy to use the store of experience and knowledge which the masses of people possess. We must, therefore, increase the activity and power of the branches and of the Annual Conference.
3. We must have a positive program rather than mere negative attempt to avoid segregation and discrimination. We need a program of economic guidance and of united effort for the realization of racial and inter-racial ideals and a program which recognizes the color and race problems of the world as part of our Negro problem here in America.
4. Finally, we must get the strength and courage for this readjustment of our objects by attracting and assisting and welcoming Youth.

George S. Schuyler, Thursday, May 19

I know of no better way for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (of which I am proudly a member) to really and fundamentally advance the colored people of this country than to endeavor to organize a consumers' co-operative society in every city where it has a branch. The opportunity is now and has long been at hand. The time may soon come when this opportunity is past. By all means let us do something economically constructive before our people succumb to the forces making for their destruction.

Professor John Dewey, Thursday, May 19

The depression has brought out the fact that our real issues are economic and that both old parties are trying to get by with as little fundamental attention to economic issues as possible. All the labor groups of the United States with respect to their power in politics, are oppressed and minority groups. The colored people have undoubtedly been discriminated against the most during the crisis, but they are only experiencing in a more intense degree what all the labor groups, especially the unorganized ones, are going through.

You, the colored group, now have a size and number of votes that make you well worth cultivating in those border and northern states in which you now practically hold the balance of power. There are many politicians in both parties who would be glad of your votes if they could buy them by giving out a few secondary offices. But till the parties face the issues which have to do with employment and security of jobs and a living opportunity for all, it is silly to allow yourselves to be swayed by the fact that a few individuals have received recognition and the emoluments of office.

Lillian D. Wald, Friday, May 20

The National Association has been enriched by the personality, the vital qualities of Florence Kelley since its birth. For us here, any formality expressive of appreciation, admiration and reverence for that gallant, generous and unique friend must be inadequate and is perhaps unnecessary. For nothing that we can say or that can be written could give a picture of what her presence in any group meant, what an extraordinary and, I may say, unparallelled stimulation she was, unless you felt her.

Letter on Florence Kelley from Jane Addams, Friday, May 20

To her many friends in this Conference to whom she was deeply attached and whose cause she made her own, I can but extend the assurance that a life such as hers "an unending commerce of fine deeds and great thoughts," as it has in the past inspired us to finer efforts, must in the end bring a solace for our grief.

Robert Russa Moton, 18th Spingarn Medalist, Friday, May 20

I want to testify on behalf of some twelve million black Americans, for whom I shall venture to speak tonight, to the substantial and constructive service which the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has rendered not only to my race, but to America and to the well-being of mankind, through its activities over a period of now more than twenty-five years; especially for its labors in the fields of legislation and the administration of justice. It requires no generosity to praise this organization for the persistent and effective service which it has rendered the Negro race in preventing the extension of legal disabilities and discrimination and in confirming the rights conferred upon the race in the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, beginning in the latter case, with the abrogation of the celebrated "Grandfather Clause" and culminating only a few days ago in the annulment of discriminatory provisions in the primary laws.

Inscription on the N. A. A. C. Bronze Tablet Refused by Storer College

Here
John Brown
Aimed at Human Slavery
A Blow
That woke a guilty nation.
With him fought
Seven slaves and sons of slaves.
Over his crucified corpse
Marched 200,000 black soldiers
And 4,000,000 freedmen
Singing
"John Brown's body lies a-mouldering in the grave
"But his Soul goes marching on!"

Oswald Garrison Villard, Harpers Ferry, Saturday, May 21

John Brown's soul still goes marching on, and will continue to as long as American history is written, and all who have a conscience and a heart know that John A. Andrew voiced truth when he declared: "Whether the enterprise of John Brown and his associates in Virginia was wise or foolish, right or wrong, I only know that John Brown himself is right."

His Excellency, Dantes Bellegarde, Haitian Minister to the U. S., at the Douglass Home, Sunday, May 22

By reason of their race, Haitians have undergone and still undergo a thousand injustices. They have struggled for their independence and will not cease to fight for it. But, like Douglass, amidst their persecutors, they nourish hatred for no one.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson, at the Douglass Home, Sunday, May 22

Frederick Douglass was one of the saviours of the world. He walked in the footsteps of the humble Nazarene and gave his life, all that he had, all that he could accomplish, all that he could attain unto, to lifting his people out of drudgery into ease and comfort, out of oppression into freedom, out of economic slavery into the richer life of citizenship, liberty, and of equality for all.

Walter White, Sunday, May 22

Let us here today rededicate ourselves to a new world order in which race and prejudice, economic injustice based upon that prejudice, and other ills which are destroying the world may be wiped out in order that real civilization may be achieved and perpetuated.

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE TO THE COUNTRY

We are becoming convinced that it is because we are poor and voiceless in industry that we are able to accomplish so little with what political power we have, and with what agitation and appeal we set in motion. We are going to continue to agitate. We are going to use our political power to the utmost. But we believe that what the Negro needs primarily is a definite economic program, and such a program we present as our chief plank in a platform for future reform.

1. The Negro as a worker has interests indentical with those of white workers. With them he demands the redistribution of present wealth by the systematic taxation of large incomes and the future conduct of industry for public weal and not for private profit. He insists upon insurance

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The Church of My Fathers

By GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS STEWARD

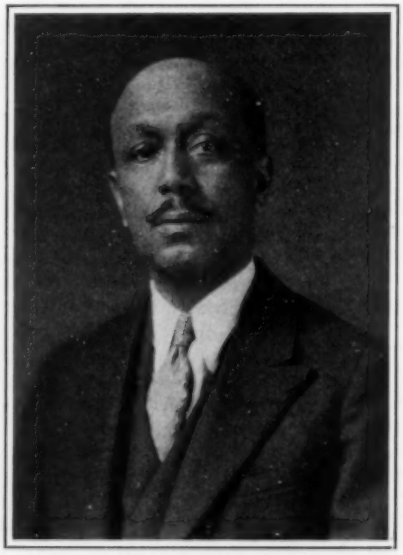
The African M. E. Church represents the first mass revolt of American Negroes against color discrimination. Black members of St. Georges M. E. Church, Philadelphia, walked out in 1787 and part of them, under Richard Allen, formed the African M. E. Church, which now has 750,000 members. The author of this article was born into this church and writes this frank but kindly criticism of its present condition.

AT Gouldtown, a village in Cumberland County, New Jersey, stands a simple frame edifice called Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church. Generations of the neighborhood families have belonged to that denomination since the congregation was organized in 1818 and their children have worshipped uninterruptedly in the building since its erection in 1860. From its membership have gone forth men to enrich and ennoble the clerical life of the church and women to give inspiration and impetus to its missionary activities. From its pulpit have spoken leaders whose inherent nobility of soul, unostentatious piety and inoffensive decorum bequeathed to the community memories still gloriously vitalizing. Thus this church helped to establish acceptable social and moral standards and dominated the settlement as a symbol of righteous living. Because of the exalted ideals thereby represented the tradition grew that the A. M. E. Church stood for everything high and holy in religion and for uncompromising rectitude in everyday conduct.

Into this tradition I was born. My father, the late Chaplain T. G. Steward, sprang from Gouldtown stock. He spent over fifty years in the ministry of the A M E Church. The church therefore became at once for me synonymous with right living. My earliest distinct childhood recollection of "church" concerns the Metropolitan Church on M street in Washington, D. C. Here I began to realize what the church meant. Great figures in the nation's life attended there. Frederick Douglass was the most famous, but John M. Langston, B. K. Bruce, John R. Lynch, P. B. S. Pinchback, and others of that magnificent generation were among them. Prominent persons of the city were members. The late John W. Cromwell took active part while J. T. Layton, father of the London musician, directed the choir. Dignitaries of the church often preached and in my father's home these men were seen at close range and childhood's lasting impressions of them were created. Men like Bishops Payne, Wayman, Campbell, Ward and Brown were family visitors, and nothing I learned of them then or since has been other than good. Moreover there were kinsmen—C. C. Felts, Theodore Gould, B. F. Lee—who were A M E ministers. Thus with father, friends and relatives all serving the church, with eminent men supporting it, no other idea was admissible but that it was God's instrument to redeem mankind. Almost to my maturity the conviction persisted that no minister of the A M E Church could be dishonest, a drunkard, a fornicator, a petty politician, a liar, and above all a hypocrite with lip service to the ideals he professed but with energy concentrated on furthering his own self-elevating ambitions. At that time the church was generally considered among my associates as the hallowed dwelling place of purity and light and was correspondingly revered.

But what of the A M E Church today? Observation, experience, press reports and personal communications combine to present the conclusion that this institution no longer holds its former high estate. Certain faults—personal weaknesses of its ministry, organizational abuses and doctrinal inadequacy—have debased it.

Disregarding for the moment newspaper accounts, which recently have printed Rabelaisian tales of the extramarital amours of two bishops and psychopathic stories of the sensational divorce proceedings of a well-known prelate in which each party accused the other of homosexual behavior, instances of the personal frailties of God's anointed are commonly known to A M E groups. There is the case of a high ecclesiastical functionary who faced the most exalted tribunal in the church, charged with unfaithfulness in managing funds entrusted to him, and who escaped with a reprimand after a bitter confession and plea for forgiveness rendered emotionally irresistible by a remarkable histrionic talent which knows so well the moving qualities of the broken voice and the well-timed tear. At a reception given to a famous literary personage in a large church in a big city, the assembled company awaited anxiously at the banquet tables for the ministerial host and the guest of honor. In due time both rolled merrily in nearly foundered by their more-than-capacity cargo of liquor. A man engaged in non-religious work is said to have secured ordination solely to use the half-fare clergy train rates, while not yet forgotten is the railroad pass racket at the time of the Chicago General Conference in which was befouled the frock of at least one clergyman still standing well in the denomination.



G. A. Steward

This list could be extended. Objectors who believe the cases cited are isolated instances are referred to easily accessible sources of information corroborative of the contention that personal moral laxity contaminates the ranks of the A M E clergy. For since the Negro newspapers use big, bold, red and black, page-wide headlines to flaunt the inanities, foibles, petty villainies and grosser indiscretions of American blacks, ample evidence of the personal infirmities of the brethren of the cloth may be acquired from almost any issue of these periodicals.

The chief organizational defect is the lack of control by the laity, the loss of power to initiate legislation and to correct abuses thereof. Full details are impossible within the limits of this article, but it may be stated here that at the General Conference the one absorbing, often agonizing, sometimes belligerent purpose is to elect bishops. The rankest electioneering prevails, money changes hands, threats are uttered, recriminations hurled, scandalous gossip rehearsed, and when the election is over the conference rapidly disintegrates. The election takes place near the close of the conference. Otherwise, vital legislation and necessary administrative routine might be largely disregarded. As it is, the unfortunate effect of the postponement of this eagerly anticipated climax is to prolong

the operation of the preliminary political whirligig and to give opportunity perfectly to adjust the smooth-running machine which the church engineers have been assembling during the preceding quadrennium. This procedure has invested the office of bishop with attributes of authority, prestige and money value inconsistent with its original significance so that the entire church has come to look upon this once lowly position of great self-denial and service as the one incomparable desideratum. In the interim between General Conferences the governing body is composed of these self-same bishops who meet in council at stated times and places, and make decisions and adopt policies almost certain to be accepted at the next General Conference, thanks to the efficiency of machine politics. The absence or weakness of any lay pressure upon these Bishops' Councils is lamentable. Laymen approach this solemn presence seeking favors rather than demanding attention from their Reverend Fathers in God.

All this has resulted in concentration of power in the hands of the bishops, and has promoted a "spoils system" oderiferously reminiscent of the Croker brand. Instead, however, of offices, perquisites, place and money bestowed frankly in the name of bald politics, the sanctified system deals in sinecures and other ecclesiastical preferment, in "gifts," "contributions," and "purses" (not graft, of course), and conducts this business with pious gesture in the name of God and His Son Jesus. The bishop began as a shepherd of souls. He has ended as boss of a bailiwick called an episcopal district. He was once the compassionate father to whom his children came for consolation in distress, for advice in proposed undertakings, for reproval in sin, and for spiritual direction in their struggle to reach heavenly joys. He is now the despot from whom his henchmen take orders, by whom his recalcitrant retainers are whipped into submission, and for whom his underlings are to secure as much of this world's joy and goods as their meagre stipends will permit. Should a bishop send word to the ministers about to convene in subordinate conference that he expects a certain "contribution" per man upon his arrival, in addition to the legal appropriation for his expenses, hardly a man would fail to bring the prescribed amount. For the bishop, with practically Czar-like irresponsibility, makes conference appointments, and the stubborn one might find himself assigned to a decaying charge where he and family might quietly contemplate slow starvation to the Glory of God and the edification of their souls. Almost any minister can tell of money gifts to the bishop, either upon direct orders, to secure special consideration when appointments are being made up, or to regain the lost favor of the episcopal hand. It is quite possible for a bishop, when celebrating one of the numerous ego-soothing anniversaries for which divines have so charming a predilection, to invite himself to a metropolitan church in his district, claim a public reception and banquet, expect a "purse" commensurate with the occasion, and place the entire expenditure upon the visited congregation, regardless of the state of its treasury. Worse still, the entertaining minister can raise no objection if he wishes to continue at his present post, and the voice of his congregation is without effect as, for all practical purposes, they can speak only through their pastor. For this reason it is always very difficult, and sometimes quite impossible, for a congregation to be relieved of an unsatisfactory incumbent before the expiration of the five-year limit the church officially places upon the pastoral tenure of any one charge.

The church then has lost its democratic character and is now the supinely obedient creature of an ecclesiastical oligarchy, an oligarchy containing too many men swollen with the false importance and stolen authority of their positions, too many men who not infrequently own fine cars and finer houses, too many men who, whenever possible, surround themselves with all the luxurious appurtenances of our ease-loving civilization, too many men who thus nullify the beautiful import of their sacred office.

The chief item in the matter of doctrinal inadequacy is the failure of the church to adjust its teaching to modern times. It has never discovered that the American Negro was emancipated years ago. It still preaches sermons portraying the sweet ease and laborless bliss of an unproved incorporeal existence, ideas appealing only to a slave psychology. Or its thousands of pulpits fulminate with age-old, never-understood theological subtleties, or descant upon the glories of a never-tried self-denial, or decry the normal tendency of youth to enjoy itself, ideas that in this day would put even the Nicene fathers to sleep, ideas interesting only to the emotionally infantile, laughed at by the rising generations of sophisticates annually leaving college.

This indictment does not charge that all the clergy are profligate, petty grafters, self-seekers, publicity hounds and peanut politicians, nor that even a majority is so affected. It does charge, however, that a sufficient number are remiss in both outlook and behavior as to give a prevailing cast of dereliction, betrayal of ideals and racketeering in souls to the entire organization. This is inescapable if only a few are morally tainted, because the popular notion of ministerial conduct demands perfect consistency between profession and performance. While the fact that even one known spiritual delinquent can remain unchallenged within the ranks of the faithful is in itself a shameful commentary upon the integrity of African Methodism.

But the church still has, although not so securely as formerly, its unique opportunity of moral and social leadership. For in spite of everything recited above, the minister remains, if somewhat precariously, the most important single figure in Aframerica. If, however, the church is not to lose its prestige forever, it must not only refuse to ordain men lacking personal probity, but it must also rid itself of those who now disgrace it. In addition, at least two types of possibly sincere but wholly anachronistic minister must be eliminated—the clown type, characterized by jack-in-the-box gesticulations, raucous bawlings of sonorous but wornout metaphors, accompanied by vigorous poundings of the Bible and jazz steps across the rostrum, and the Polly-Anna, goody-goody type, the type which emits schoolboy declamations about miracles and doctrinal mysteries for mentalities which still accept Santa Claus and Mother Goose, utters unctuous prayers intimating an almost obscene familiarity with the Deity, holds and pats the hands of sisters with assurances of God's special care, and insists that all is right in this divinely ordered world. Both the acts and the opinions of these representatives of the faith receive the jeers of today's adolescents. If, therefore, the church is to profit by its still potent historic appeal, it must improve the calibre of its teachers.

Some method will have to be devised whereby greater control of its functions may be resumed by the laity. That would come about automatically if the bishops would voluntarily relinquish their dictatorships and return to their original status. Failing this, the difficult task of breaking up the episcopal political machine and gaining greater leverage in the General Conference confronts the laymen.

Likewise sermons whose doctrinal content embraces never-settled theological disputes should be discarded. Preaching should descend from metaphysics to the social and economic conditions facing the hearers, with a view to interpreting and improving these conditions in the light of the teaching of Jesus. For the ethical germ of that teaching is still applicable, while no amount of dialectics about the Trinity, the Atonement, Divine Inspiration, the Office of the Holy Ghost, etc., will promote human brotherhood.

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

POLITICS

Ex-Senator

Last month, in the Beat Four district of Chilton County, Alabama, was nominated

Wide World

James was a Senator
He heffled for 16 years

for justice of the peace James Thomas Heflin, formerly of Washington, D. C. For 16 years he masqueraded in a senatorial toga, declaimed bombastically against the Negro.

No Pictures Today

In concurrence with his policy of not posing with groups of colored persons for photographs, President Hoover last fortnight received, but was not photographed with, the Fisk Jubilee Singers. Immediately before the Singers were received, the President was pictured with a group of Southern Motion-picture engineers, and with the members of the Yo-Yo Club of Raleigh, N. C.

47,642 *for Burrell*

By a vote of over two to one, regular Republican nominee for Assembly from Essex county in Newark, N. J., J. Mercer Burrell won over the insurgent Vanderbilt group. In the Jewish and Negro sections, Burrell showed his greatest strength. He is the fifth Negro to enjoy the honor of representing the party on the Assembly ticket in a general election.

Board of Education

At Greenberg, White Plains, New York, the Ku Klux Klan burned a fiery cross to keep the Reverend W. L. Hughes, Negro, from being elected to the Board of Education. It helped him win although this took three elections. Mr. Hughes received 243 votes, while the nearest opponent got 151.

Brokenburr of Indianapolis

Nominated for the state legislature in the Republican primaries held last week in Indianapolis, Ind., was Robert Lee Brokenburr, State's deputy prosecuting attorney for 12 years. Endorsed by the Press, Municipal Rights League of Indiana, Factory Employees Republican Club, Worker's Non-Partisan Political Action League, The Anti-saloon League, The National American United Veteran's Organization, Marion County Republican Union, and the National Order of Industrial Safety and Welfare, candidate Brokenburr was able to amass enough votes to insure for the first time in 40 years, the selection of a Negro in the Primaries.

For Vice-President

Last fortnight, amid the uproar and din of the Nominating Convention of the Communist Party at the Coliseum in Chicago was nominated for U. S. Vice-president, James Washington Ford, 39 year old Alabamian. C. A. Hathaway, campaign manager for the Communist party, who nominated Ford, said:

"The Communist party is performing an act tonight, never done before by any political party. It names as nominee for the Vice-presidency of the United States, a militant Negro worker. We do it because it corresponds with the fundamental position of the Communist Party and of the workers supporting it on the Negro question. We stand for complete unconditional equality for Negroes—not equality in some narrow sense, but complete economic equality, political equality, social equality."

Comrade Ford
Starts to the White House?

"I Saw the Pole"

In 1908, over the barren, frozen wastes of the Arctic circle, peered through frost-laden lids the brown, blood-shot eyes of Matt Henson, crew member of Admiral Peary's North Pole Expedition, only Negro visitor to the land of the seals and the sables. Last week was introduced in the Senate by Royal Samuel Copeland a bill granting a pension to Henson,

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Acme

Peary's Matt Henson
Journeyed to the Frozen North

Peary's expedition to the North Pole in 1908-1909, the administrator of veteran affairs is authorized and directed to place the name of the said Matt Henson on the pension roll."

Richardson Nominated

By an overwhelming majority of 12,000 votes, Henry J. Richardson, Jr., Indianapolis, Ind., was nominated in the May Primaries to the legislature on the Democratic ticket. Indiana, normally Democratic, is expected therefore, to elect Richardson on November 4th, making him the first Negro to be sent to the legislature in 40 years.

Also Nominated

Charles K. Gillespie of Cleveland, Ohio, has been nominated by the Republicans for the Lower House of the Ohio Legislature. He stood eighth on a list of 63 candidates. Mr. Gillespie has been practicing law for twelve years.

FOREIGN NEWS

AFRICA

Bugs, Skulls, Bones

To the Egyptian Soudan and to Abyssinia goes the Dakar-Jibuti linguistic and ethnographic expedition. On its route through West Africa lie Bamoko, Wagadugu, Timbuctu, Cotonou, Duala. Already sent to France, seat of the expedition, are 7,000 bugs, insects, flies; 270 assorted skulls, 40,000 feet of movie-film, 158 phonograph records of native songs, words, music recorded on the spot.

Baa-aa-a

Last week, in the province of Umteteli, Bantuland, West Africa, were sold 8,000 sheep for about $.06 a piece, not a pound. On the back of each curled 16 months of fine, hard wool, 120 savory lamb-chops. 120 chops wrapped in wool for $.06! !

A New Car

His Highness, the colored Sultan of Zanzibar, has bought in England a Humber Pullman limousine. It is finished in gray and smoked blue, with smoked blue upholstery and pile cabinet to match. The royal arms are emblazoned on the panels.

A $50,000,000 Dam

Continued effort is being made to control the waters of the Nile. England is now planning a dam across Lake Albert which will eliminate swamps larger in area than England and give the Sudan and Egypt a third more water than it receives now.

Diamonds

The great DeBeers diamond mines in South Africa have shut down. They are the mines that were the center of the gigantic industry that made Cecil Rhodes a millionaire and a world ruler. Rhodes capitalized the Trust for $500,000 and secured control in 1887. This brought the fight between him and Barnato, who owned the Kimberly Central Mine. He finally bought the latter for $25,000,000 and cornered the diamond market of the world. At one time, three thousand black women and children were working in these mines a quarter of a mile underground. For a half century, diamonds have been exported from these mines, valued from $10,000,000 to $40,000,000 a year. This represents the interests which white England has in black labor.

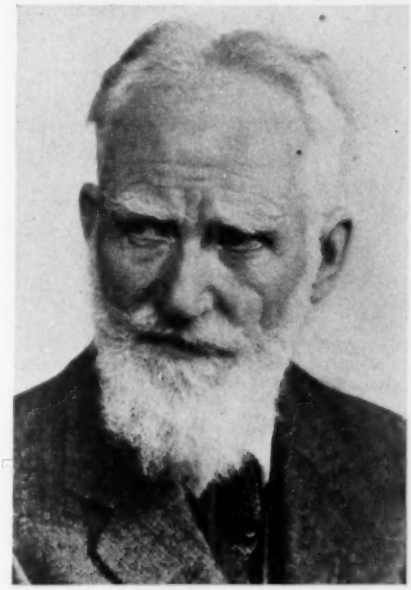
Officiel Noir

Blaise Diagne, late Undersecretary of State for the colonies, Deputy from French Senegal, and President of the First and Second Pan-African Congresses, is slated to head an economic mission to French West Africa, Togoland and the Cameroons. Diagne is a black man.

Sez Shaw

From British South Africa last fortnight returned playwright George Bernard Shaw. Said he:

"Native Africians display far more intelligence than their white overlords. South



International

G. B. S.
He visited Africa

Africa is no place for poor whites. The only thing for poor whites, so far as I can see is the lethal chamber. The poor white, who has no property, has to compete with a black proletariat and a low standard of living, and I see nothing for whites who are born there without property but to drown them when they are born. There is nothing else to be done, apparently."

German Southwest Africa

The Union of Southwest Africa is recognizing German as one of the official languages in the mandated territory of Southwest Africa and is granting "equal rights to all Europeans."

Congo Wages

In the great Katanga Copper mines, black men are paid from 5½c to 34¾c a day. The result of this cheap native labor is 8,266 more pounds of ore profit per day for the Congo (white) mine owners.

WEST INDIES

Javaleggers

Smuggling coffee into the West Indies is a far more heinous crime than rum-running; native 'leggers when apprehended, are fined sums ranging upward of $5,000 for sneaking in bags of the fragrant bean. So that when Domingo Pachetno, large importer was seized red-handed, with over 10,000 bags, his fine amounted to $50,000, which would buy about 1,000,000 cups of coffee on Lenox avenue, New York.

West Indian Alphabet

In a Myer's and Son advertisement in the *Daily Gleaner* (Kingston, Jamaica) last week appeared the following;

K 'tan fe kallaloo
nice when it boil
L is fe Lizard
him a well 'poil!
M 'tan fe Monkey
'top! — a wha do him face?
N is me Nana
she hat trim' with lace!

Write in for the rest of the alphabet—or would you prefer to read it in these columns?

Race Riot

We learn that in the Philippines a race riot between Filipinos and Japanese has been imminent at San Fernando, Pampanga. East and West are approaching each other.

ASIA

The King's Glasses

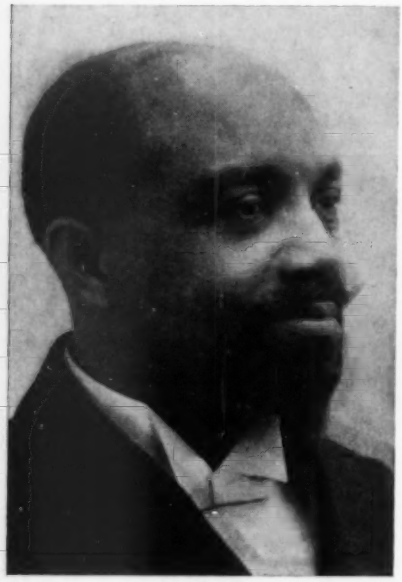
King Prajadhipok, liberal ruler of Siam, restored to almost normal eyesight by his U. S. operation, now looks at the world not through rose-colored glasses, but through clear glass with one eye, through faintly brown glass with the other. Thus again is proven to Eastern royalty, superiority of Western surgical techniques. (CRISIS July, 1927)

Siam's King Prajadhipok
Ah—My operation

CHURCH

Moderator

The Reverend J. Edward Nash has been for forty years pastor of the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York. For thirty-five years he has been



Rev. J. Edward Nash
He rapped the Baptist gavel

Secretary and Treasurer of the Buffalo Baptist Association and recently the fifty churches, including all the Baptist Churches in Erie County, elected him Moderator.

Bishop's Convocation

Gathered at Bishop College, Texas, last month, 450 Southern Negro preachers to seek solutions to the depression. Listened eagerly to free dispensations on:

Solving the Financial Problems of the Churches
What the Church Owes its Community
Teaching the People How to Live
The Evangelism of Church Finance
A Minister's Opportunity In A Period of Depression

Praise the Lord

The New York Abyssinian Baptist Church alone, of all the religious groups in the city, was able to balance its budget for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1932. Its $48,000 goes for:

Pastor A. Clayton Powell
Thirty-eight other employees
Homes for the Aged
Missionary in Africa
Chair of Religious Education at Virginia Union University

Great Days

At the African Methodist Episcopalian, twenty-ninth, quadrennial general conference, opened in Cleveland recently, spoke: Robert Bagnall, Branch Director of the N. A. A. C. P., Carter Woodson, editor, Journal of Negro History, George E. Haynes, Secretary of the Commission on Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches, Eugene Kinckle Jones, Executive Secretary of the National Urban League.

To the Bishopric of the A.M.E. church last fortnight were elected after 28 hours of continuous balloting, Noah W. Williams, St. Louis; D. H. Sims, South Carolina; H. Y. Tookes, Florida.

No salary cuts were meted out to the Bishops and general officers, the $4,800 and $3,600 yearly being retained through measures adopted before adjournment.

In number, the bishops have been reduced to 15, the office of historian abolished, both economies effecting a saving of approximately $75,000 a quadrennial.

From the folds of the African Methodist Episcopal Church were expelled for 48 months, former Bishop Joshua H. Jones, whose bishopric included New England, New York, New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware and former Bishop W. T. Vernon, of Arkansas. Charges: aiding and abetting misappropriation of money, obtaining money under false pretenses, gross inefficiency.

The Rev. Dr. Johnson

To the Department of Domestic Missions of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church last month was unanimously elected the Rev. R. I. Johnson, rector of St. Cyprian's church, New Bern, N. C. Thus for the first time has a Negro been elected as a member of any department of the National Council.

The Tenth Mile

The Federal Council of Churches, through its Commission on Race Relations, has released its story of "The 10th Mile Toward Inter-racial Peace," an account of activities and progress in the field of better race relations during 1931.

Agricultural surveys in 3 southern cotton-growing communities were established, investigations of 3 lynchings were instituted, stronger appreciation of Negroes of musical and dramatic talent was developed through intimate recitals; collections of books and paintings by Negroes were sent to South Africa for study and research, interracial committees in many northern and western communities were organized and guided in programs for racial adjustment in their community life.

Divine? Dispensation

Last week in the Third District Court of Mineola, New York, Major J. (Father) Divine, Mystic sooth sayer and the GREAT GOD BROWN of his colony at Sayville, Long Island, was convicted of conducting a nuisance, fined $500 and sentenced to 3 years in jail. Two days after pronouncing the verdict, Supreme Court Justice Louis J. Smith, lay dead at his home in New York.

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AWARDS

To Dr. Harold W. Thatcher, resident at Provident Hospital, Chicago, a two-year, $2,000 Rosenwald scholarship for special study in dermatology at the U. of Chicago hospital.

To William Allison Davis, Hampton Institute English instructor, a one-year scholarship by the Rosenwald foundation for graduate study in social anthropology, at Cambridge.

To Merze Tate, Crispus Attucks History instructor at the High School in Indianapolis, Ind., a $2,000 fellowship at the University of London for foreign study.

To Wilbert Warren, special student at Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., the Fine Arts scholarship for 1932–33 by the Art Students League of New York.

To Arthur P. Davis, professor of English at Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., a $1,200 fellowship from the General Education Board, for research work in Philosophy at Columbia University, New York.

To Edmund Black, student instructor of Governorment at Boston University, a two-year fellowship for graduate work in History and Government at Harvard University.

To Eugene Harold Smith, senior at the U. of Nebraska college of Pharmacy, for exceptional brilliance in studies, the Earl Rasdal scholarship carrying with it membership in the American Pharmaceutical Association.

To Alonzo C. Moron, Brown University, a $1,200 scholarship in Social Sciences at the U. of Pittsburgh, by the National Urban League.

To Louise C. Brownley, Cornell University, a $1,200 scholarship in Social Sciences at the New York School of Social Work, by the National Urban League.

To Julia M. Young, Talladega College, a $1,200 scholarship in Social Sciences at the New York School of Social Work, by the National Urban League.

To Kate, 1,300 pound, 14 hands high dobbin for physical superiority, faithful service, at the 21st Philadelphia Work Horse Parade, a Blue Ribbon.

Tribute

To Mary White Ovington, a resolution to honor her retirement from the Chairmanship of the Board of Directors of the N. A. A. C. P.

Mary White Ovington is one of the two or three people in whose brains and hearts the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was originally conceived and out of whose conference and co-operation it was born nearly a quarter-century ago.

She has served as a member and an officer from the beginning and as its chief executive in the capacity of chairman of the board of directors from 1919 to the end of 1931.

Through all this period she has given unselfishly and unsparingly of her thought, her active services, and her means, to the success of the association's work—and through all this time and years before she interested herself in the welfare of the American Negro. She will abide in our histories and in our recollections as the "Mother of the New Emancipation."

Therefore, on the occasion of her retirement from the chairmanship of the board of

Mary White Ovington
She has given unselfishly

directors and her acceptance of the treasurership of the organization, the national board, the executive and clerical staffs of the national office, the leaders and members of the branches, speaking through the board of directors, join in grateful tribute to Mary White Ovington in this inscribed word.

Cadet Davis

Having passed his mental and physical examinations for entrance into the West Point Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., 19 year old Benjamin O. Davis, son of Col. Benjamin O. Davis, commandant of cadets at Tuskegee, makes ready to report to his superior officer at the Academy. On July 1, 1932, Davis starts his life as a West Pointer, fulfilling the ambitions of his childhood. He was appointed by Congressman Oscar DePriest.

SCHOOLS

Gift

To the shelves of the new Atlanta Library at Atlanta University last week was added a unique, valuable collection of documents, incunabula, other source material bearing on the life of Thomas Clarkson, English Abolitionist (1760-1846) whose activities during the 18th century were instrumental in the outlawing of Negro slave trade. The Phelps Stokes foundation, which made the gift, announced its intention of future gifts dealing with similar subjects.

Ten Thousand Dollars

The General Education Board has made a provisional grant of $10,000 to Lincoln University on condition that $5,000 more be raised, in order to close the fiscal year without a deficit.

Loblollies at Shellbanks

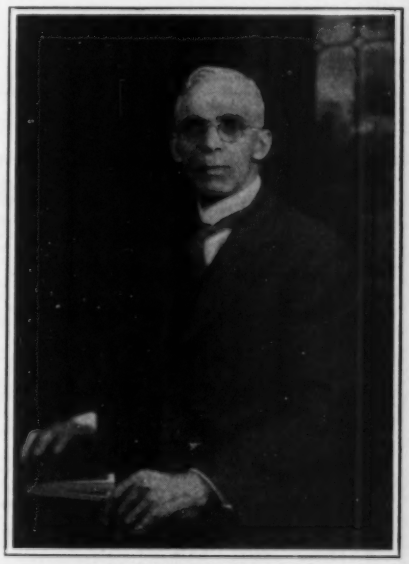
To utilize constructively, unfarmable land, 35 Shellbanks acres are planted with 1 year old loblolly trees. For $4.58 an acre, which includes labor and express charges for the trees from the State Forestry Service, students set out 35,000 trees. Says Donald F. Fenn, Director of the Hampton Institute Agricultural School, "within 20 years, some of these trees will be large enough to be marketed as pound polls to Chesapeake Bay fishermen. Within 35 years they should be large enough for cordwood. Within 75 years they will be ready to saw for lumber. Loblolly: A pine of the southern United States (pinus-Taeda) distinguished by its thick, flaky bark, long leaves, spiny tipped cones.)

Missouri Shows Us

A new Missouri law, adopted last year, directs that the length of the school term for colored children, and the advantages and privileges, shall be the same as provided for in other schools in corresponding grades within every school district. If this is not done, the district will lose the state appropriation. Formerly new Boards gave white children high schools and only elementary grades to the colored children. This means a great increase in secondary education for Missouri Negroes.

President McCrorey

Seventy-five colleges have been celebrating the forty years that Dr. Henry Lawrence McCrorey has spent at Johnson C. Smith University and twenty-five years of his presidency. A symposium on higher education was held. Speakers: Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Dr. Kelly Miller, Mrs. Mary M. Bethune, President C. W. Florence of Lincoln Uni-



President McCrorey
Had silver anniversary

versity, Mo., Dr. Arthur D. Wright of the Slater Fund and representatives of several white colleges. The university will construct four new buildings at a total cost of $600,000 and will become co-educational by the merging of the Barber-Scotia College and Concord.

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17	1,839.00	1,225.00	613.00
18	1,803.00	1,202.00	601.00
19	1,767.00	1,178.00	589.00
20	1,731.00	1,154.00	577.00
21	1,698.00	1,132.00	566.00
22	1,659.00	1,106.00	553.00
23	1,623.00	1,082.00	541.00
24	1,587.00	1,058.00	529.00
25	1,548.00	1,032.00	516.00
26	1,515.00	1,010.00	505.00
27	1,479.00	986.00	493.00
28	1,443.00	962.00	481.00
29	1,407.00	938.00	469.00
30	1,368.00	912.00	456.00
31	1,332.00	888.00	444.00
32	1,299.00	862.00	433.00
33	1,263.00	842.00	421.00
34	1,227.00	818.00	409.00
35	1,191.00	794.00	397.00
36	1,155.00	770.00	385.00
37	1,122.00	748.00	374.00
38	1,086.00	724.00	362.00
39	1,053.00	702.00	351.00
40	1,017.00	678.00	339.00
41	984.00	656.00	328.00
42	951.00	634.00	317.00
43	918.00	612.00	306.00
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THEATRE

Bojangles

From the stilted performances in the production of "Harlem is Heaven" (Lincoln Pictures Corp., N. Y.) stand out like brilliant sapphires the flashing genius of Bill Robinson, the contagious rhythms of Eubie Blake and band. Robinson is always his own ebullient spirit—the only note of naturalness in the entire hodge-podge. Bill Robinson first began dancing for money in the streets of Washington, D. C., where passersby threw him nickels, dimes and quarters for his efforts. Today he is the highest paid, most famous tap dancer in the world.

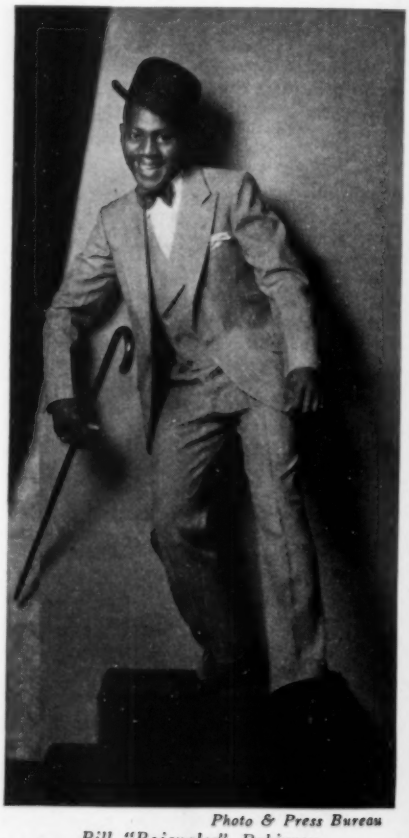


Photo & Press Bureau
Bill "Bojangles" Robinson
He danced for a dime

Starting July 1, Lincoln Pictures will follow "Harlem is Heaven" with "Black Tulips," by Frank D. Ormiston. It will be made as a musical with Nina Mae MacKinney and Stepin Fetchit, at the Ideal Studio, Hudson Heights, N. J.

The Chant of the Hi-de-ho

Under one management now are the famous bands conducted by Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway, Don Redmon, Baron Lee, according to agreements reached last week by Irvin Mills and Thomas Rockwell. The new Mills-Rockwell organization is thus the largest, most important group of its type in the country today.

Yeah Man!

Opened and closed last fortnight was this latest of ill-fated colored revues. With an elaborate cast headed by Eddie Rector, Mantan Moreland, Rose Henderson, Billy Mills, Eloise Bennett, financial difficulties hurried "Yeah-Man" to its grave. Although it was received rather cooly by the newspapers' commentators on the drama, the cheers and applause which marked its every presentation belied its extremely short run. Doubtlessly, given a fair chance, it would have continued its run throughout the summer and then gone on, as did "Shuffle Along," "Runnin' Wild," a nation-wide tour.

Aldrich as "Othello"

In the early part of the Nineteenth century, throughout England and the Continent toured Shakespearean actor Ira Aldrich, pure African, black. His appearances evoked tremendous enthusiasm, were the occasion of packed houses. As Othello, Aldrich's interpretation was for a century regarded as standard. Last month, at Stratford-on-Avon during the ceremonies surrounding the dedication of the new Shakespeare memorial theatre, the Prince of Wales, on behalf of the Shakespearean Memorial Society received from James Weldon Johnson, an Ira Aldrich memorial chair bearing a bronze plaque inscribed with the name of the great Negro actor. The plaque is the gift of American Negroes.

Dr. Ziegfeld's "Showboat"

At the Casino Theatre, New York, now reigns supreme over every other musical and dramatic attraction in the city, the revived "Showboat". Paul Robeson, heading the large colored cast, wins kudos for his inspired dramasinging of 'Ol' Man River', and the chorus and choir of sepiacharmers acquire laurels, hosannas, for their harmonies, for their dancing. See it.

Shuffle Along

With Miller & Lyles, Sissle & Blake, as much of the original cast as possible, the old time sensation, "Shuffle Along", is scheduled for an early Fall presentation in New York City. A history of smashed records, packed theatres, return engagements, long runs, established "Shuffle Along" as the most successful of all colored musical comedies. For almost three years, its happy company toured the country. If present plans are completed, "Shuffle Along" will be not a memory, but a reality.

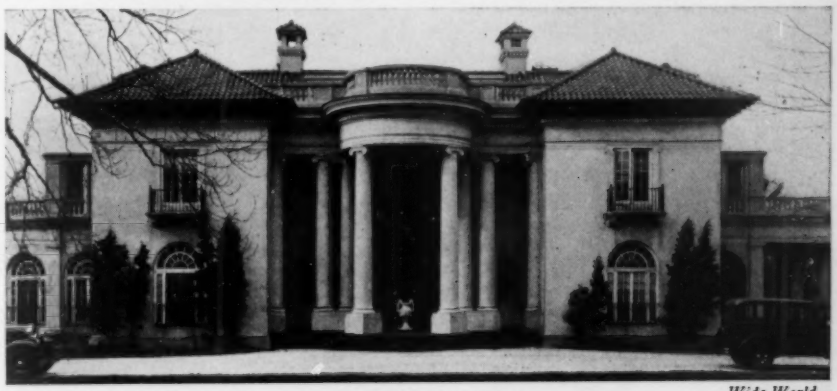
Singin' the Blues

Indicted for manslaughter, held in the Tombs without bail, is 30 years old Jack Carter, actor, Harlem playboy. Dead, buried lies "Pops" Salvatore, uptown speakie owner, stabbed to death in an early morning drunken brawl last month. To the rescue come step-father William George, mother Margaret Carter-George from Nice, France.

WORK—WASTE—WEALTH

Villa Lewaro Passes

To the Companions of the Forest of America (social, benevolent white organization with over 450,000 members) last fortnight went famed Villa Lewaro, the former Irvington-on-the-Hudson home of Madame C. J. Walker. The 8 acre, $250,000 estate was sold for $47,500, representing practically the amount of its indebtedness. To the N.A.A.C.P. went $5,000 as its share in the estate.



Wide World

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C. M. A. vs. Schuyler

Against Editor George S. Schuyler of the National News last week rallied the leaders of representative Negro business organizations in Harlem. To the forefront came Albon L. Holsey, president of the National Colored Merchants Association Stores, Inc., to refute in person the charges of stock-selling under false pretenses, establishment of extravagant overheads, possible domination of the Association by White interests. On record went the Harlem Business Mens' Club as being completely in favor of the C.M.A. principles and practices.

Closed

For three months past, the Douglas National Bank, Chicago, Ill., had made strenuous, almost heart-breaking efforts to stave off the closing of its doors. Anthony Overton, leading spirit of the institution, moved heaven and earth seeking relief and solution of the financial problems which beset his pet. (Other pet: Victory Life Insurance Company.) But to no avail. For last week, onto the doors of this last of the great Negro financial enterprises in Chicago was nailed a sign:

"Bank closed by order of the Board of Directors."

Following the passing of the Binga State Bank, and other financial institutions on the South Side, the Douglas National had been in difficulties. It borrowed, from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, $115,000, in the hope that thus would the bank be saved the ignominy of failing; be enabled, possibly, to weather future financial storms. But it was too late.

4 + 3 = 7

For operating a craps game in the yard of a Harlem high school, sixteen year old Satan Singleton, juvenile racketeer, was held for sentence in Magistrate's Court here last week. On his person were found

1 set of repeaters
1 set of loaders
2 sets of passers
1 Yo-yo top

Satan, not a pupil at the school, operated the game like a big-time gambler, appeared proud of his role of 'Little Caesar'.

$1,000,000 *for Harlem*

Last month, with the fife and drum corps of the famous 369th Infantry playing a stirring obligato, was laid the corner-stone of the new 13 story Y.M.C.A. building in West 135th Street, New York. Previous to the ceremonies attending the dedication, through the streets of Harlem marched in parade formation groups from the Police, Fire Departments, the Elks, Masons, Pythians, other social organizations. Massed before the building, with colors flying, heads bared, they stood and cheered as Cleveland E. Dodge, president of the Y.M.C.A. of Greater New York grasped the slender, silver trowel, scooped up a goodly load of cement, poured it over the cornerstone foundation, wiggled the cornerstone into position.

In the new building are accommodations for 5,000 members, 2 swimming pools, 2 gymnasiums, auditorium, theatre, class rooms, cafeteria, 250 dormitory rooms. Secretary Thomas Edward Taylor has retired and his successor is Harry K. Kraft of Pittsburgh.

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Down tumbled the salaries of Negro school teachers in Richmond, Va., after the school board ratified the budget of White Supt. Albert Henry Hill, at a meeting there last week. Minimum salary for Negroes is now $600 yearly; for Whites, $1,000.

ART — MUSIC

Jubilee Blues

The Fisk Jubilee Singers, internationally famous, and until this month a paid unit of Fisk University, will exist no longer unless to their aid comes a radio

Fisk's Jubilee Singers
They were disbanded

contract or some other financial guarantee. Discontinuance of the Jubilee Singers marks the end of musical tradition of Fisk quite as old as the school itself, a tradition that has won for the University countless friends, has carried the school's name all over the world. Started under the auspices of George White, one of the first music teachers at Fisk, the group began in extremely humble circumstances to give small town concerts, so that funds might be raised to keep Fisk going. Early efforts successful, the group was soon being requested to give recitals abroad. After a few years, they were able to raise funds for the building of Jubilee Hall, Livingston Hall, two of the first buildings on the Fisk campus. For several decades, the Fisk Jubilee Singers were the only choral group singing spirituals, their sincere presentation of this type of religious expression doing much to conserve for all times this great class of American music. Lately, the tremendous expense concomitant with keeping the group together has made it almost impossible for the Fisk Singers to survive without taking unto themselves a larger proportion of University funds for their upkeep than was available.

To Mrs. James Myers, for many years connected with the singers, was voted a life pension of $1,000 yearly, in recognition of her devoted and unselfish services on behalf of the group.

High-de-high

Last fortnight, as a feature of the N.B.C. Lucky-Strike program, Marion Hardy's Alabamians broadcast their heated selections from a plane 7,000 feet over New York City. For an hour and a half these exponents of high-de-high jazz entertained millions of listeners throughout the world, soared through the clouds at over 100 miles an hour.

Jethro

Leslie Pinckney Hill, who is a poet before he is President of the new State Teachers College at Cheyney, Pa., has written an historic pageant on "The Ethiopian who gave mankind the idea of representative government". Some of its scenes are extraordinarily beautiful. It was recently staged in the new State Educational Building at Harrisburg.

"Harlem Adagio Dancer"

In the Art Gallery of the New York Public Library, 42nd Street & 5th Ave., N. Y., this month is an exhibition of the works of Bradford DeLaney, young Negro artist. Careful, deliberate draftsmanship is displayed, with a tendency toward the academic. His "Harlem Adagio Dancer" reveals DeLaney's latent talents—showing a verve and a virility that is lacking in his other subjects.

Finest Chorus

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chorus of young people amazed the impresario with the sublety and delicateness of its musical structure, caused him to stay and listen to its entire repertory of spirituals, led him to promise a New York appearance.

Last fortnight Roxy air-mailed to Director William G. Dawson of the Choir, a contract calling for a month's engagement of the entire organization at the opening of Radio City, together with arrangements for international radio broadcasts during that time.

The Atonement

After 20 years, Coleridge-Taylor's "The Atonement was presented at the Metropolitan AME Church, Washington, D. C., 3 weeks ago, under the sponsorship of the Committee on Coordinating Activities among Colored People for the George Washington Centennial celebration, subcommittee on music. The Atonement was heard for the first time in America, in 1906, when it was directed by the composer himself accompanied by the string section of the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

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Interlude of Prayer
Christ before Pilate
Tragedy on Calvary

Said James Gibbons Huneker on the occasion of its first presentation.

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FOLKS

Hero

Creeping up upon a hidden machine gun nest, which was causing serious casualties to his company, Sergeant Ira M. Payne sniped the enemy gunners, spiked the enemy guns, won the Distinguished Service Cross, and Croix de Guerre with Star and Palm. Mr. Ira M. Payne, 77, now a stationery fireman in the District School System at Washington, D. C., gazes into the flames of his fires, eyes critically the boiler gauges, traverses the past.

Amos 'n Andy

Under the weather as a result of a four day diet of green bananas, arrived here last week from Honduras, Amos Bailey and Herbert (Andy) Anderson, as stowaways on the American Fruit liner "La Ceiba." Once on board ship, the boys secreted themselves in the piles of bananas, and for 4 days the only item on their menu was 'banane verde.' They were discovered only when Andy ate away enough of the sheltering fruit to disclose his person to the eyes of First Mate Johannsen. The boys were taken to Ellis Island, ordered to return home to Honduras on the same ship. Said Amos: "I'se regusted."

Mrs. Hazel Ophelia Turner

In the winter of 1876, his short, spare figure almost hidden in the shadows and the depths of the throne-like Governor's chair, snoozed Ulysses Davis, lieutenant (acting) governor of Mississippi and dreamed of grand children, to come. Many years later, on his lap, playing with an enormous, heavy gold watch-chain, cooed a starry-eyed cherub, his grand-daughter, Hazel.

Jones Photo

Hazel Ophelia Turner
Her Grandfather was Governor

Today, Hazel Ophelia Turner, still starry-eyed, has no time for play. The Provident Hospital, Sunshine Haven, The Boys' Club, The Home Club, The Chicago Urban League, The N.A.A.C.P. provide her with problems, labors, action. The Annual Cabaret Party of the Chicago N.A.A.C.P. which she conceived and originally produced, has become a yearly event, and this year, at the Villa DeLuxe on June 14th was held the seventh in the series, more popular, more successful than before.

Finder

Only a few miles from the Lindbergh home, lying face down in a depression, was found the body of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., partly covered by leaves and debris, with an ugly, gaping hole in its skull. For months it had been there in the thickets and brambles of the Sourland

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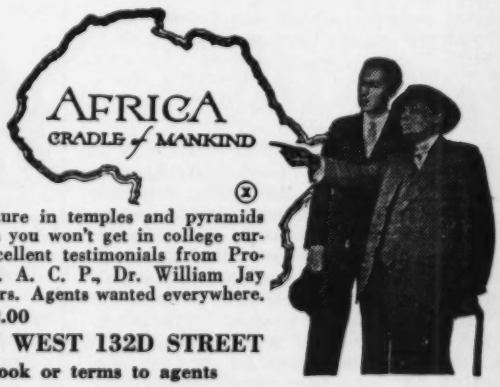

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mountain woods, unseen, untouched save by the winds and rains. Last month, on his way to deliver a truckload of lumber, William Allen, Negro, discovered the body of the murdered child. Later, at his home, surrounded by his wife and five children, Allen deplored the coldness with which he was received by Colonel Lindbergh, insisted that he wanted no reward, retained Attorney Norris of Philadelphia to represent him in an effort to obtain "at least $50,000 of the amount offered" by the Lindberghs and the authorities for the recovery of the child.

Last fortnight, in Philadelphia, Pa., began William Allen a series of personal appearances on the stages of local vaudeville theatres. For $300 weekly, Allen will describe the circumstances and conditions surrounding the finding of the body of the Lindbergh baby.

Over WPEN last week said William Allen:

"I feel that Colonel Lindbergh has just been too busy and wrought up about the whole thing to think about it yet. From what I have heard about Colonel Lindbergh, he is a fine man, holds no racial prejudice, in spite of rumors that are circulating amongst Negroes, and appreciates the part that I happened to play in the discovery of his baby.

Jersey's William Allen
Found the body

I am perfectly satisfied that Colonel Lindbergh will let me know of his appreciation when he gets hold of himself. I deeply sympathize with him in this tragedy and I wish that I could do more for him."

He Got Shoes

From Ridgeland, South Carolina to Savannah, Georgia, came Elliot Mitchell, lanky, gangling farm-hand. Into the water with his newly purchased (second-hand) brogans stepped he, and when the shoes tightened, removed them from his aching feet. Inside of the left shoe he stuck his thumb, pulled out a plum ($30 in $5 bills), said:

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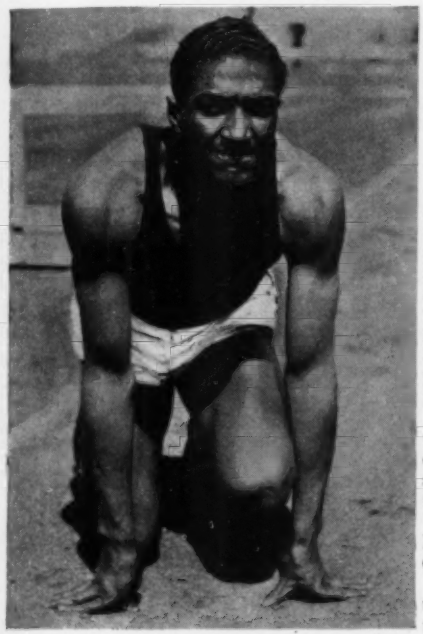
Metcalfe Again

Last week, in a quadrangular track meet involving Chicago, Illinois, Loyola and Marquette Universities, Ralph Metcalfe scooted the 220 yard dash in 20.4 seconds, bettering the old world's record by .2 second. The giant, bronzed Marquette U.



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Ralph Metcalf
Olympian! ! !

star seems to be the most promising of the U. S. entries for the 50, 100 and 220 yard dashes in the Olympics, this summer.

'32 Snatches

In front of their rivals on Armstrong Field at Hampton Institute, stepped the lusty '32 tradesmen to win the first interclass track meet of the season. First were they with 25 points. Second came the college sophomores with 23 points, third the college freshmen, fourth the college juniors and seniors.

Coach Myers?

In charge of athletic coaching at Lincoln University next fall may be appointed David Myers, one-time grid star at New York University. The 3 year contract under which William S. Taylor has been coaching, expires this month, and it is unlikely, according to information received here, that it will be renewed or extended, for the department of athletics at Lincoln is inclined to reduce to a minimum the amount expended upon the coaching end of the sports activities. Mentioned prominently in all official discussions of the problem is the name of David Myers, but Myers has not yet come down to the figure that the authorities are willing to spend.

On the Olympics

To little Richard Carter, to large John Phagan goes the honor of representing the Race at the Olympic National championships in boxing to be held in San Francisco in July. Through their victories in the Golden Gloves tourneys in New York and Chicago these two boys have qualified for their places on the team, are expected to compete in the International Olympics later in the summer.

Fast Women

In the Women's Section of the 6th Annual Tuskegee Relays, recently, 4 major American college marks fell by the wayside, in the dash, shot-put, High jump. More than 200 young ladies, representing 19 schools and colleges, participated, with the entrants from Tuskegee winning first honors with 30⅔ points, Alabama State Teacher's College second with 21½ points, Howard Academy third with 21 points.

Ross Clark, Alabama State Teachers College, set a new record for the 50 yard dash hurrying through the distance in 6.4 seconds, 1/10th second less than the former record.

Vesta Crayton, Tuskegee star, won new laurels with a record 9.2 seconds for the 60 yard hurdles.

Laura Woods, Howard Academy, threw the discus for 103 feet 8 inches, beating the old record by 3 feet 6 inches.

Ruth Westmoreland, Atlanta U. Lab. High School, leaped over the old record for the high jump with a mark of 4 feet 10¾ inches.

Ross Clark (see above) also smashed the 100 yard dash speed record with a time of 11.8 seconds.

Brooks, Booker

Bronzed giant Booker Brooks, U. of Michigan junior, last week through his record hurling of the discus at the 32nd track and field meet of the Big Ten, aided his Alma Mater to retain her title to the championship. Booker is another of the outstanding Negro candidates for Olympic honors.

Hampton Institute Meet

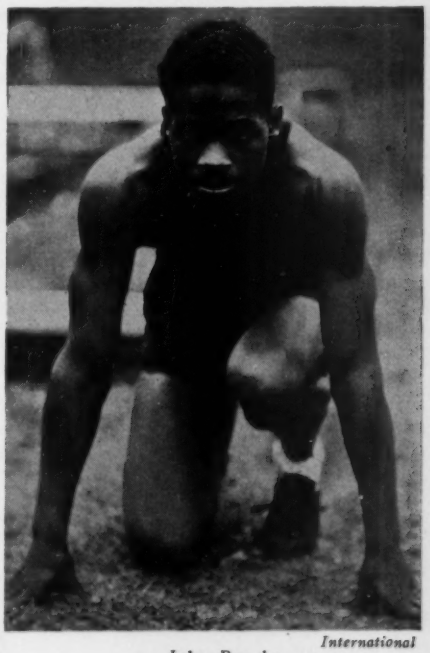
At the 11th annual intercollegiate track and field meet held here last fortnight, over all the entrants triumphed the clan from St. Paul's Normal & Industrial Institute with a tally of 44 points. Second came Hampton with 36 points, third was Howard U. with 23 points.

9.5

Now stands Dunbar Hunt (Los Angeles Junior College) together with Eddie Tolan (U. of M.) and Ralph Metcalfe (Marquette U.). Consistently, with a show of reserve strength, Dunbar has equaled the 100 yard dash mark of 9.5 seconds, which Eddie and Ralph also have repeatedly equaled. On to the Olympics!

Jumper John

Into international prominence leaped John Brooks, University of Chicago junior, last fortnight at the Drake University Relay Games, when he established



International

John Brooks
Olympian ? ? ?

a new world's record for the running broad jump of 24 feet 8¾ inches. In 1924, DeHart Hubbard, U. of Michigan track star cleared 24 feet 2¾ inches, setting a mark which had not been beaten until across the horizon flashed John Brooks.

The Fino of Primo

Canadian Heavyweight Larry Gains last fortnight in London put the skids under Primo Carnera's attempt at a comeback by outslashing, out-boxing, out-hitting the ponderous Italian menace. In a ten round battle, Larry carried the fight to Carnera every time, scoring a sensational victory on points as a result. Consensus of opinion is that Larry has sealed the fate of the Leaning Tower, putting an end to his notorious 'set-up' battles and phony decisions. A cheering, howling crowd of 70,000 whistled and roared themselves hoarse in homage to the new Negro contender for the world's title.

In 1925 Gains scored a decision over George Godfrey, a knockout over Max Schmeling.

Jefferson Dickson, promoter of the Gains-Carnera match is now seeking to obtain a bout between his protege and the winner of the Schmeling-Sharkey championship battle.

PRESS OPINION

National News

"The season of conferences is at hand. Church groups will from now on be gathering here and there. We hope they realize that there is a real danger of injury to the church unless it mends its ways and becomes more nearly the sort of institution it should be.

"We are of the opinion that it would add new strength to the church if the various denominations would attempt to get together in one great Negro church organization. After all, there are no great differences between the Methodists and Baptists who constitute the great bulk of Negro churchgoers. Certainly none that cannot be ironed out by rational people.

"And who knows, perhaps a united church might signalize the coming of a greater unity among Negroes in every other direction."

The Campus

New York City College student publication.

"The College basketball game with Howard University on Saturday evening was played in keen, friendly, sportsmanlike manner in direct contrast to most of the other contests on the schedule.

"The game on Saturday evening was perhaps the first inter-racial contest between two large educational institutions in America. The campus urges that this game be scheduled again, not for charity, but for good will; not for money-making, but for the intangible good to be derived from the furtherance of racial understanding. As an institution founded on the principles of democracy and equal opportunity, the College should be expected to take such a step."

The Atlanta Independent

"Today, Tom Heflin is tied out of the democratic party by his anti-Negro rules. In Texas Tom Love is up against the same sad and bitter fate. Tom Love says the primary laws were made to exclude Negroes only, and can't be used to deprive white men of their political rights. But the Texas democrats say no, and the two Toms are on the outside looking in, in common with the Negroes. Misery likes company, and the Colored brethren are delighted to have such distinguished company as the two ex-senators. But it is real amusing to see Tom Heflin hanging around outside looking in, instead of shooting up Negroes on the street cars in Washington if they don't jump out of the windows when he comes in, dressed like a demagogue from Alabama, with his beaver on his peg of wisdom, linen pants too short, and jim swagger coat on his back."

Birmingham Post

With the killing of a Negro in Homewood Sunday, the list of persons slain by law enforcement officers in Jefferson county in the past 12 months mounted to 14.

Of this number, 11 were Negroes and three were white men. A verdict of justifiable homicide was returned by Gip M. Evans, county investigator, in 12 of the cases.

Police Chief Ceph Ross, of Bessemer, said Cook was suspended after the shooting, but reinstated by the police committee following a hearing 11 days later.

Daily Worker

The *Daily Worker*, in a signed editorial, has the following to say of the last N. A. A. C. P. conference held recently in Washington, D. C.:

"The conference represents a desperate attempt upon the part of Negro reformists to revive bourgeois Nationalism among the Negro masses on an extensive scale, as a counterpoise against the rising revolutionary national liberation movement of the Negro toilers. This confronts the revolutionary workers, and especially the class-conscious Negro workers, with the task of increasing, sharpening and improving their fight against Negro bourgeois reformism, as the main social bulwark of imperialist Jim Crow reaction among the Negro masses."

Kansas City Call

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Bulletin No. 111

Issued in February by the Russell Sage Foundation Library, is a bibliography of the Negro and confines itself to books and reports published since 1927. It contains about seventy-five titles.

The First 50

"Tuskegee Institute, the First Fifty years," being the Founders Day Historic Address delivered April 14–April 31 by the Reverend Anson Phelps Stokes. This with appendices makes ninety-nine large pages and is a worthy and authoritative record of Tuskegee history.

America as Americans See It

The Literary Guild has selected "America as Americans See It" as their "Book-of-the-month" for June. Among the contributors are Booth Barkington, Elmer Davis, Sherwood Anderson, W. E. B. Du Bois, Jim Tully, James Weldon Johnson and Bruce Bliven.

The Negro Encyclopedia

Plans for a comprehensive, scholarly encyclopedia of the Negro have been completed, and an editorial board has been elected, announces Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes. Included prominently among the members of the board are Dr. W. E. B. DuBois and J. E. Spingarn, Director of Publications and President of the N.A.A.C.P. respectively.

Dr. Stokes is President of the Stokes Foundation, which has just made a gift involving a rare collection of books to Atlanta University Library. (See Schools)

LIFE — DEATH

Married

William A. Scott, founder, publisher of the *Atlanta Daily World*, to Ella Ramsey, Poro Beauty shop manager; in Atlanta, Ga., last month.

Married

Charles West, 96, to Alice Sanders, 60, at Camp Parole, Md. Said Mrs. West:

"I met my dear husband about the first of the year. It is my third matrimonial venture after 4 years of the single state. I love my husband's ability and youthful spirit.

Said Mr. West:

"I fought throughout the Civil War, but I have never received a cent's pension. I have some people looking up the records, but they seem to work slow. This is my fifth marriage, I am the father of 73 children, but I am unable to find or hear from any of them, so what is there left to do but get married? I tried living with friends who said come and live with us and we'll treat you like a father. But how long does it last. Now I have a nice home and my wife, no one to say when to come or go, when to getup or lie down, and in case any one doubts it, I still have the old rifle to prove it".

Mr. West, at 20 paces, can send four out of five shots through a hole less than one inch in diameter.

Birth

Born: To Edward Thompson and Evelyn Preer, in Los Angeles, Cal., an 8 pound girl, EdEve.

Died

Twenty years ago the death of Anna Jones would have aroused the whole West, but she has been retired since 1919 and has lived quietly in California. Yet she must not be forgotten.

Anna Jones
. . . lives forever

She was born in Canada and attended the public schools in Oberlin in the days of Finney and Fairchild. In 1875, she was graduated from Oberlin College with honors and the Bachelor's degree. She taught in Canada, then Indiana and St. Louis, at Jefferson City, Mo., at Wilberforce University, and finally, from 1892 to 1919 in Kansas City, and most of the time in the Lincoln High School.

Outside her work as teacher, Anna Jones was a leader of women. She was a charter member of the Federation of Colored Women; worked in the Y. W. C. A.; helped establish the Book Lovers Club, and in general was a fine and cultured influence in many kinds of work for social uplift. All this brought her prominence and praise but it did not stay race prejudice. For years, after she had bought her quiet and beautiful home on Montgall Avenue, Kansas City, she became a storm center because the whites were determined that she should not live there. They intimidated her; wrote threats and threw bombs; but with amazing courage she continued to live there. After her resignation from the Lincoln School, she joined her sisters in a little orange grove not far from Los Angeles and there went quietly to end her days in peace.

Died

John F. Cook, twice mayor of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, of arterio sclerosis, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Mr. Cook, over a period of 40 years, was postmaster, baseballer, village trustee, pharmacist, realtor, small-town tycoon. Also colored.

Died

Prominent Massachusetts Negro, William Oscar Armstrong, 88, after a short illness, at his home in Roxbury. As a young boy, he left his birthplace in Oberlin, Ohio, sailed for Haiti. In 1865, after the close of the Civil War, he settled in Boston with his aged mother, began his long association with public affairs in Massachusetts. After 20 years he was elected a member of the City Council from the Old 9th Ward, Negro stronghold in Boston. The following year saw him in the House of Representatives where he served for two terms. There he sponsored the bill which resulted in the erection of the Crispus Attucks monument on Boston Commons. Until his retirement, several years ago, Mr. Armstrong held, since 1895 the position of Court Crier in the Superior Court of Massachusetts. Clubman Armstrong was active in the Fraternal Association, the National League, The Wendell Phillips Club, the Sportsman's Club of Greater Boston, the Cambridge Rod and Gun Club, the Masons, Odd Fellows, Roxbury Civic League, Florida Educational Club, St. Mark's Congregational Church. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. John A. Kenney, Montclair, N. J., Mrs. Mae E. Lew, Boston, Mass., and two sons William Oscar Armstrong Jr., principal of the High School at Fairmont, W. Va., and Theodore Armstrong, Boston, Mass.

Died

John Orth, a pupil of Liszt, a teacher of music, and a friend of all good causes, in Boston, Mass. He was especially a defender and admirer of the Negro race.

Died

Herbert R. Wright, lawyer and formerly United States Consul at three points in Venezuela, under Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson, at Des Moines, Iowa. He was born in that state fifty-nine years ago and received his degree in law at the University of Iowa. He practiced law and was at one time file clerk in the Ohio State Legislature. From 1903 to 1918, he served his country in South America and then came back to take charge of the colored community service and to resume his practice of law. He was a good trial lawyer, a defender of the poor, and full of sympathy for the unfortunate. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Bernice G. Wright, who is a sister of Mrs. W. E. B. Du Bois.

Postscript
by W. E. B. DuBois

RESOLUTIONS

TWO of the special resolutions of the annual conference of the N. A. A. C. P. deserve wide attention.

"We call the attention of liberals and reformers to the so-called 'White Primary' and 'Lily White' movements. Neither is really racial. The one enables a grafting oligarchy to prevent the possibility of a successful Third Party movement. The other enables a president to ensure his re-nomination despite the popular will."

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LABOR "SOLIDARITY"

ENGLAND has just built in Washington one of those vast estates to house the British embassy which dot the world and greatly impress it. I remember the magnificent buildings in Dakar, French West Africa, not to mention Berlin, Paris, Rome and Moscow.

The contractors wished to use some of the excellent black workers and builders of the District of Columbia who have labored on nearly all of its best buildings. But these black folk are not union men, for the simple reason that the unions, most of them affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, will neither admit Negroes nor recognize their union cards if admitted elsewhere.

Consequently, the white unions demanded "union labor" and appealed to the English Labor Party to support them. The Labor Party easily induced their representatives in the coalition government to order only "union" labor on the Washington building. Thus, not a black man got a job.

This is another feather in Mr. MacDonald's cap and the solidarity of American labor is correspondingly increased. Black brothers, how would you welcome a dictatorship of this proletariat?

A. M. E. CHURCH

THE recent general conference of the African M. E. Church was on the whole the most remarkable ever held. The long due purging of the Board of Bishops was begun and two bishops, Josiah Jones and W. T. Vernon, suspended for four years for misappropriation of funds. A third, W. Decker Johnson, escaped by a political combination and tears, while Bishops Heard and Grant were saved only by the reluctance of the delegates to expose the whole disgrace of the Church. As that great and good man, Sampson Brooks said: "I have been a good bishop but from now on I'm going to be a better bishop."

Ira T. Bryant, the stormy petrel of the Church was vindicated by reelection as Secretary of the Sunday School Union. Charles J. Wesley was honorably and barely defeated for the Bishopric. Dr. R. R. Wright pooled his fortunes for the bishopric with the disgraced Jones but was reelected editor of the *Christian Recorder*. Of the three men elected bishop, only one, David I. Sims of South Carolina was worthy of the honor. One of them, Noah Williams of St. Louis, campaigned over the country for the office in a Ford. The other was assigned Tennessee, Kentucky and West Africa and may be expected to spend about as much time in Africa as the man whom Bryant called "Episcopal Slacker Davis."

But the greatest triumph for decency and righteousness in this conference was the change in the episcopal committee, noted in Mr. G. A. Stewart's article in this number of THE CRISIS.

NEGRO BUSINESS

THE fall of the Douglass National Bank in Chicago was expected. After the closing of the Binga Bank, the Douglass was allowed to exist simply to keep colored customers out of the Loop. Neither bank was really bankrupt. The assets of both banks more than matched their liabilities. But a bank is built on credit and credit is monopolized by the great white banks. When their thumbs go up, little banks go down.

This is not simply race prejudice, it is part of the present policy of the big banks to squeeze out all of the smaller fry, let them go bankrupt and let their depositors writhe. Meantime, the money and the credit and the banking profits of the land are being concentrated into the great bank and trust companies who after the depression expect literally to own the world.

But the plan will not work. It may seem to work for a season but never again will the present system of organized private profit and privilege and monopoly dominate mankind to the extent it has during the 19th and first third of the 20th Century. Unless humanity is incurably blind and incorrigibly stupid, a new order is already in the making. It is into this new order that the new Negro business must prepare to enter. Mutual insurance with low overhead and moderate salaries must replace the former money-making ideals of the Standard and National Benefit. Credit banks for workers must replace commercial banking. Consumers' cooperation must replace private shops and corporations. It is the only peaceful and reasonable way out for us and the world.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

VERY gradually but also quite surely the great national organizations for social uplift, including the white Christian church, are beginning to recognize that it is an affront, not simply to colored folk but to themselves, and a repudiation of their own principles, to meet in places and under circumstances where colored delegates must suffer insult. The plain, strong statement of the Methodist Church at Atlantic City brings this matter clearly to the fore. This great conference promises not to meet again where colored ministers and delegates can not be received at hotels and public places. The National Conference of Social Work has already come to this decision, and has made the matter more binding by electing Eugene Kinkle Jones, Secretary of the Urban League as Second Vice-President. In some respects, the relations between the races in the United States are not so good today as they were ten or twenty years ago, but in the matters mentioned above, and in many others, they have distinctly and notably improved.

CRIME

I HAVE sought several times recently to write on American crime in its recent manifestations and every time, before my ink is dry, some fantastic development makes my word trite

and banal. Here, for instance, comes again that hoary lie dressed in "Science" which proves Negroes responsible for making this the most murderous country on earth because they get killed oftenest! And here is Hawaii with white women notoriously playing about with comely natives and white sailors seducing native girls under easy bastardy laws. Then when a white woman deserts her husband at a drinking party and goes wandering off alone at midnight, her unsupported testimony of terrible attack fails to convince a jury. Thereupon, four white people murder one of the accused deliberately and in cold blood and are caught trying to make way with the body.

Not even Clarence Darrow can prove these lynchers innocent but their nominal punishment is received with vast American indignation. When forsooth was lynching a "nigger" called crime in the Land of the Free and the Home of the Slave? We fête the red-handed convicts, keep the Lieutenant and sailors in the navy, in defiance of law and decency, and invite the head of the murder gang to testify before the United States Senate on Law Enforcement in Hawaii!

And then the Lindbergh baby. I once lost a boy of that same age. I know what it means—I know. But the senseless and endless cruelty of America's treatment of that crucified mother and father! the idiotic police; the grafting antics of a sensational press; and finally the First Families of Virginia, slinking about in autos, boats and airplanes, with the drawn-faced distracted father, for the sake of money and notoriety!

Can you beat it? Is there any land or age which for ecstacy of stupid hurt can touch this sordid record of America? Only the gangsters have come out of this with clean hands and human sympathy.

And what are we learning from it all? Nothing. We want to join in lynching the kidnapper, in torturing, burning and boiling him. We want new laws to reach some apogee of cruelty that would make Torquemada shrink. Not once do we ask in calm sorrow, "What makes Crime?" What twisted this human soul? How far are we guilty, who sit in smug hypocrisy and shriek, for a hundred and a thousand poor boys and girls whom we deliberately turn into irresponsible fiends and then salve our shriveled souls by killing them?

Whence did America get this cruelty —this crass lack of manners and humanity? No African savage would dream of such public discourtesy. Russians would jail such reckless gossipers and shoot the liars. Where did we get this complex of crime, publicity and murder?

Let me tell you: We got it from killing "niggers"; from lynching innocent people whom we hate. We got it from traffic in crime and selling our hearts' blood for "news." And if above Anomaly and Turmoil, sits a God who knows a good joke, imagine his smile when the chapter ends with a black man, an humble hard-working laborer in overalls, who found the poor dead baby's corpse and was promptly finger-printed for his impudence!

Campbell

The Greater New York Crisis Tournament Committee

"SAVE THE CRISIS!" NATIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

IN response to the appeal which THE CRISIS recently printed, many individuals have expressed their interest and concern; but the "Saturday Night Bridge Club" is the first organization to sponsor the idea of a nationwide program as its effort to aid the magazine. Mesdames Helen Hagan Williams, Jessie Fauset Harris, MaBelle Williams, Bertha Randolph, Helen Lanning, Ruth Roberts and Lillian Alexander are the members of this club which has enlarged itself into an enthusiastic committee of 125 New Yorkers, Brooklynites and Jerseyites. On Saturday evening, June 18, at the West 137th Street Branch Y. W. C. A. they are initiating the first event, in a series of what they hope will become a "National Bridge Tournament."

Every expense in connection with the staging of this mammoth citywide tournament is a gift—prizes, printing and miscellaneous bills, for which individuals are paying. Posters have been designed and donated by some of the younger artists, Charles Alston, Elmer Campbell, Lester Brown, Romare Bearden, and Louise Jefferson. Whatever is made in the way of receipts will, therefore, constitute one large gift toward the emergency fund of THE CRISIS.

The Chairmen of some of the subcommittees are, Gladys McDonald, Lucille Washington, Ethel Harris, Alice Sims, Rae Olley and Wenonah Bond, while Jimmie Harris, Ellsworth Roberts and Joseph Steber are managing the games. Younger boys and girls have volunteered to act as score-keepers

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RADIO RHYTHM MAKERS

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York. You sing. You can't see the face of the man in Baltimore or Buffalo or Kansas City. You can't concentrate on the women in Fargo or Mobile or Albuquerque. You can't see whether they like it or not. You've just got to *know* what you are doing and know *just how* to do it. That's the reason the Southernaires are where they are. Not luck, not tricks, not sentiment, just plain hard work.

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for sickness, old age and unemployment. He insists upon education for youth and adults, not only in school and college but in science, technology and the professions, open to merit and calculated to help solve the real problems of living. He insists upon employment according to ability in both public and private service and reward without discrimination.

2. Hitherto the American Labor movement, as represented by the American Federation of Labor, the railway unions, and other unions, has betrayed the interests of the Negro worker, and the Negro cannot cooperate with this movement until it recognizes him.
3. The N. A. A. C. P. believes that the changes outlined above are the only alternative to a complete breakdown in the present social system and that Negroes must take, and must be permitted to take an important part in bringing about those changes.
4. Without the free and untrammeled right to vote Negroes, have no chance to help economic reform and no hope of obtaining economic security.
5. We confidently believe that this program cannot be fully realized either for white folk or black without complete social equality.

THE CHURCH

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The one hope of the A.M.E. Church is the young people. A thoroughly purged and efficient organization, headed by men of blameless life, great spiritual endowment, activated by a love of the people, manned by a corps of faithful upright clergymen instructing struggling men and women in the ways the Christian ethic can help them solve their daily problems, will enlist the enthusiasm and support of these youngsters who now increasingly regard the present limping institution as a ridiculous caricature of what Richard Allen founded.

The above article was written before the meeting of the 1932 General Conference. At the Chicago session in 1928 the laymen, after a struggle lasting more than a decade, won equal representation on the floor of the Conference. At Cleveland this year they succeeded not only in reducing the membership of the unwieldly Episcopal Committee from 96 to 30, but also secured fifteen places on that committee. This is the most powerful committee of the General Conference and has hitherto been made up entirely of clerical members. It was thus completely dominated by the bishops. This is less possible now and equal lay representation would seem to indicate that the laymen have at last gained control of their own organization. The improvements suggested by the above criticisms should follow.

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and ushers. A brief program has been arranged for those who do not play bridge as well as those who do play, with Harry Burleigh and Charlotte Wallace Murray singing duets.

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